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Research Analyst: Martin Weddle, 278-5289

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS
Wednesday, April 5, 2006 - 9:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

CASSETTE#: 27; Side A, 001 to EOT
27; Side B, 001 to EOT
28; Side A, 001 to 579

PRESENT: Supervisors Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair)
EXCUSED: Supervisor Coggs-Jones

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

APPOINTMENTS - 3

1. 06-166 From the County Executive, appointing Ms. Barbara Bechtel to serve on the Aging Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

APPEARANCE:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

- 27/A-34 Ms. Rudig introduced Ms. Bechtel, who provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (Rice) Approve. 6-0

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

2. 06-191 From the County Executive, appointing Alderman Joe Dudzik to serve on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities for a term expiring April 30, 2008.

APPEARANCE:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

- 27/A-81 Ms. Rudig introduced Alderman Dudzik, who provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve. 6-0

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

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3. 06-210 From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Roy Williams to serve on the Social Development Commission for a term expiring in March 2009.

APPEARANCE:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

- 27/A-106 Ms. Rudig introduced Mr. Williams, who provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (Clark) Approve. 6-0

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURTS - 1

4. 06-167 From Clerk of Circuit Court/Director of Court Services, requesting authorization to contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services to conduct permanency plan reviews for Milwaukee County children in out-of-home care. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit.)**

APPEARANCE:

Liz Finn Gorski, Court Coordinator, Children's Court Center

- A/27-138 **ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve. 6-0**

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

DEPARTMENT ON AGING - 3

5. 06HN7 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an informational report on the December 2005 Income Statement and Preliminary Year-End Income Statement of the Care Management Organization (CMO) under Family Care. **(Also to Finance and Audit Committee)**
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCE:

James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging

- A/27-167 Mr. Hodson summarized the said report and explained that the amounts listed are preliminary since vendors have 90 days to bill from the date of service, which means there are invoices still outstanding. This, however, did not result in a modification of the IBNR (Incurred But Not Reported)

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estimate. Mr. Hodson indicated that he would be following up in the subsequent month with the final year-end results.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

6. 06HN8 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an informational report on the January 2006 Income Statement of the Care Management Organization (CMO) under Family Care. **(Also to Finance and Audit Committee) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging

- 27/A-192 Mr. Hodson gave an overview of the report by reviewing the month of January revenues, expenditures, and overall surplus. He addressed CMO enrollment and also reserve requirements, which are working capital, risk and solvency.

Questions and comments ensued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

7. 06HN9 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an informational report on new leadership and a plan of corrective action between the County and the State, as well as any State audits (completed and projected) identifying challenges and opportunities that will result, and the 2006 and future capitation rate. **(VERBAL REPORT FROM DIRECTOR, INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCES:

Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging

Dr. Jack Melton, Chief Clinical Operating Officer (CMO)

- 27/A-233 Ms. Stein informed the Committee that last year the Care Management Organization concentrated on several target areas. These areas are strategic planning that would result in a move into systems that worked with leadership, submitting and having approved a quality improvement report, and instituting a Care Management Organization Board. Thus far, all is well.

Ms. Stein indicated that a response had not yet been received from the State regarding the capitation rate. A previous actuarial firm was hired

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that the State had used for six years to look at the methodology that the new actuarial firm used for rate setting. A report was submitted. There were three major things that the new actuarial firm changed in establishing the rates, which adversely affected Milwaukee County and only Milwaukee County. That actuarial finding was submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services and all the administrators in that bureaucracy. The State indicated that they asked the actuaries to re-look at the rates and that a response should be forthcoming within two weeks. That was approximately four weeks ago. That response is yet to be received.

- 27/A-378 Dr. Melton briefly stated his background and reviewed the goals of the corrective action plan, which include ensuring that people receive appropriate necessary long-term care that is consistent with their documented clinical needs, making sure that there are adequate providers to provide necessary care to the consumer population, establishing a quality management structure for this program that is based on continuous quality improvement principles, ensuring that the governing board is active in terms of providing oversight of the CMO, improving the outcome for family care members by instituting performance improvement projects, and lastly, engaging in collaborative partnerships.

Questions and comments ensued.

- 27/A-430 Madame Chair requested copies of the corrective action plan along with any State audits that are available be submitted to the Committee.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION - 3

8. 06-202 From Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a contract with ABRI Health Inc. under which the Wraparound Milwaukee Program would provide, arrange, and manage Behavioral Health Services for children in foster care.

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- 27/A-496 Mr. Henken explained that the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services has created a new managed care program for children in foster care. Under that program, the State is contracting with Abri Health to essentially serve as the care manager. In turn, Abri Health

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subcontracted with the Wraparound Program to provide mental health services to children in foster care. This is why it is being recommended that the Committee provide authorization to formally enter into a contract with Abri Health. Mr. Henken stated that this not only makes a great deal of programmatic sense for the children that Abri Health will be serving but also makes considerable fiscal sense for Milwaukee County. Mr. Henken did want the Committee to be alerted to the fact that there is some risk involved. Due to the fact that this is a new program, an arrangement was negotiated with Abri under which the risk was limited. There would be a cap on the County's exposure. There would also be a cap on the potential administrative profit that could be made. Mr. Henken went on to explain that the way this will work is Abri Health will be provided a capitated rate for their services. In turn, Wraparound would also receive a rate based on Abri's rate to provide their services.

Questions and comments ensued.

ACTION BY: (Clark) Approve. 6-0

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

9. 06-32 From Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting
(a)(e) authorization to accept State-County Contract Addendum entitled, "Access to Recovery Carryover Funds" for the period of August 3, 2005 through August 2, 2006.

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- 27/A-566 Mr. Henken stated that this addendum would simply allow year one Access to Recovery (ATR) grant funds to be carried over into year two. He informed the Committee that the State of Wisconsin is one of fourteen entities that was funded under ATR for a grant period beginning in August of 2004. All fourteen entities were unable to fully expend the grant dollars in year one. Fortunately, both the State of Wisconsin and the Federal government agreed that the ATR grantees should have the ability to carryover funds, which is what this addendum would do.

ACTION BY: (Cesarz) Approve. 6-0

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

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10. 06HN10 From Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report on the Journal/Sentinel series regarding group home conditions within Milwaukee County for the mentally ill.
(VERBAL REPORT FROM DIRECTOR, INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCE:

Jim Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, DHHS

Mr. Hill began by commending the Journal/Sentinel on their three-part series. He touched base upon the key issues that the articles highlighted. Mr. Hill indicated that more should have been said about the many services that are offered to people that suffer from mental illness and went on to list examples of the programs that have these services available including subsidized housing. He stated that there is still a lot of work to be done to meet the mentally ill's needs on various levels. Assistance is provided by staff in the public and private sector all over the County that work together with a mission to serve this population as best they can with the resources available. Mr. Hill indicated that BHD is always focusing on effective solutions that address the system as to not allow people to fall through the cracks and how to reach as many people as possible who need and could benefit from the services that BHD and the community based agencies provide.

Questions and comments ensued.

- 27/B-490 The following individuals appeared on this item:
Patty Yunk, AFSCME, DC48
Joseph Volk and Ken Schmidt, Shelter Task Force
Peter Hoeffel, Disability Rights Wisconsin
Shirin Cabraal, Disability Rights Wisconsin
Sandra Pasche, National Association of Mental Illness
Heather Dummer Combs, Interfaith Conference
Stephanie Bloomingdale, Wisconsin Federation of Nurses

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAMS DIVISION - 1

11. 06HN11 From Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report on the annual review of General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) policies and procedures. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

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APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- 28/A-391 Mr. Henken stated that this is an internal effort that the County Health Programs Division staff has undertaken per County ordinances to review GAMP eligibility and review any changes that have taken place in terms of Federal Title 19 law as well as State Medicaid law and regulation to essentially make sure that the County's current policies and procedures are keeping pace with those changes. Mr. Hill indicated that there have been some changes that have occurred that did necessitate the need for GAMP to not only look at its policies and procedures and make the appropriate changes, but also to develop a new GAMP application form. Once the new application is implemented, it will accomplish several critical goals, which include a look at the 60-day versus 180-day residency requirement and verification of personal information submitted to determine eligibility. There also have been some minor but very important investments in new technology that will assist in verification of different pieces of eligibility information that is provided.

Mr. Henken addressed the fiscal impact by stating that it is not quite known yet because it has not been determined how many people are providing false information that may result in either receiving or not receiving GAMP eligibility. He went on to explain that there may be some changes in terms of pharmacy and clinic expenditures going down but the way GAMP works is that any savings that might occur by a lower caseload number would simply mean that hospital partners would be able to be reimbursed further into the year. As far as a bottom line County fiscal impact is concerned, there would be none. However, there maybe some undetermined impacts in terms of the way that GAMP dollars are allocated.

Questions and comments ensued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

DHHS/GENERAL – 3

12. 06HN12 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report on the potential unanticipated revenue deficits in the Department of Health and Human Services and Behavioral Health Division due to new regulations regarding reimbursement under the Federal Medicaid Targeted Case Management Program. **(Also to Finance and Audit Committee) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

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APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- 28/A-476 Mr. Henken explained that due to a change in federal law, the ability of entities like Milwaukee County to bill Medicaid for Targeted Case Management Services may be restricted if there are other potential sources of revenue that could be used to fund these services. This could potentially mean that because there are no other sources of revenue that could be used to fund Target Case Management activities, the County would be prevented from billing Medicaid. Mr. Henken stated that they are still waiting for a definitive interpretation of this new legislative language from the Federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare services. A memo drafted by DHFS not only indicated that this is up in the air and not yet known how it's going to play out; but it was also made very clear that if this does play out as a worse case scenario, the State is not going to provide assistance. The County would be solely responsible and to continue to assume that there would be Medicaid reimbursement for Targeted Case Management activities would be at our own peril and at our own fiscal risk. He indicated that even under the worse case scenario, 2006 should be covered.

Mr. Henken suggested that the prudent course of action at this time is to change nothing and wait for the federal determination. Looking at this from a fiscal perspective, curtailing Targeted Case Management Services right now to limit our risk would be an option. But for reasons previously mentioned, Mr. Henken does not believe that is the appropriate course of action. He stated that he would come back before the Committee on this item as soon as a ruling has been made. At that time, a decision will need to be made as to exactly what will need to be done to either keep these services going or potentially have to resort to some other actions.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

13. 06-146 From Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting
(a) an informational report on a new repayment plan for Career Youth Development, Inc. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- 28/A-526 Mr. Henken indicated that a proposal was submitted to and accepted by Career Youth Development, Inc. (CYD) outlining the terms of a new

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repayment plan. There are four major provisions of the plan with which the Committee should be made aware. They are: 1) regarding the outstanding balance owed by CYD, DHHS has agreed to deduct \$21,788 from that amount due to the determination that they should once again be eligible to bid on county contract activities. Other agencies have been treated in similar fashion; 2) \$20 per child per day will continue to be retained from an existing arrangement with CYD regarding the Cloretta Simpson House Group Home; 3) it was agreed that from this point forward, any new fee for service agreements or any new contracts with CYD shall be subject to a 10% withholding; and 4) CYD has agreed that in any month that a minimum of \$1000 is not collected through a withholding, they would essentially write a check to make up the difference.

Questions and comments ensued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

14. 06-32 From Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting
(a)(f) authorization to enter into a 2006 State-County Contract Addendum for Hurricane Relief Funds.

ACTION BY: (Clark) Approve. 6-0

AYES: Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and West (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

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STAFF PRESENT:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office
James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging
Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging
Dr. Jack Melton, Chief Clinical Operating Officer (CMO)
Rob Henken, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Jim Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, DHHS
Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

This meeting was recorded on tape. The foregoing items were not necessarily considered in agenda order. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:15 a.m. to 11:48 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk
Committee on Health and Human Needs